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Westminster, February 17.

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Sir William Sanderson, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for preventing the Inconveniencies arising for want of Elections of Mayors or other Chief Magistrates of Boroughs or Corporations being made upon the Days appointed by Charter or Usage for that Purpose, and directing in what Manner such Elections shall be afterwards made.

An Act for indemnifying the Masters in Chancery upon their discovering what Consideration, Price, or Gratuity they paid, or agreed to pay, for the Purchase of, or for their Admission to their respective Offices.

An Act for enlarging the Term granted by an Act made in the Tenth Year of Her late Majesty's Reign, for amending and maintaining the Road between Northfleet, Gravesend, and Rochester, in the County of Kent; and for explaining the same Act; and for to appropriate Part of the Money arising thereby, towards repairing the Road between the Town of Chatham and Boughton under the Blean, in the said County of Kent.

An Act to enable the Pier-Wardens of the Town of Margat in the County of Kent, more effectually to recover the antient and accustomary Droits for the Support and Maintenance of the said Pier.

An Act to inclose the Common and Tract of Land called Croston-Finney, in the County of Lancaster.

And to Nine private Bills.

Madrid, Feb. 12, N. S. His Catholick Majesty has ordered Sig. Cornexo, his Agent at Rome, to take Care of the Spanish Affairs at that Court, until his Majesty shall appoint either an Ambassadour or a Cardinal-Protector, in the room of the late Cardinal Acquaviva. Their Catholick Majesties will come To-morrow from the Pardo to the Palace here, where they will stay for some Days. The Abbot de Livry arrived here last Night from Lisbon, and is lodged in the Marshal de Tessé's House.

Dresden, Feb. 18, N. S. The Honourable Mr. Edward Finch, His Britannick Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the King of Poland, set out from Ratisbon the 8th Instant, and arrived here the 12th. On the 16th he had Audience of the King of Poland, when he delivered to him his Credentials, and a Letter from his Britannick Majesty relating to the Affair of Thorn.

Berlin, Feb. 20, N. S. Last Night, between Eight and Nine a-Clock, arrived here several Expresses from Petersbourg, with an Account that Peter Alexowitz, Czar of Muscovy, died there on the 8th Instant at Five a-Clock in the Morning, after 12 Days Illness, in the 53d Year of his Age. The Czarina being by an Instrument signed some time before his Decease appointed his Successour, has been accordingly acknowledged Empress of all Russia. The King of Prussia has nominated M. Buleau, to go to Dresden as his Minister to the King of Poland, to act in Conjunction with Mr. Finch the British Minister at that Court.

Whitehall, Feb. 3, 1724.

Whereas His Majesty's Exchequer was broke open between Monday Noon and this Morning, and a considerable Sum of Money was taken out of the Office of the Right Honourable the Lord William Powlet: This is to give Notice, That if any Person concerned in the said Felony, or being any ways privy thereto, by advising or contriving the same, will surrender himself and make a free Discovery of his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as they or any one of them shall be apprehended and convicted for the same, such Person, whether concerned in the said Felony, or in advising, contriving or being privy thereto, shall have His Majesty's most gracious Pardon; and as a further Encouragement shall have a Reward of One Thousand Pounds, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury. And if any other Person or Persons shall discover, apprehend, and convict any Person or Persons concerned in the said Felony, he or they shall receive the like Reward of One Thousand Pounds, to be paid in like Manner.

TOWNSHEND.

Whereas the Persons who broke open the Exchequer, left behind them a new small Gimblet, marked I B. *upon the Handle, a Butcher's Hook with a little Notch upon the End of the flat Part, a small Cord, a rusty Tin Pot whited within, in which are some Pieces of Touchwood, and an old pointed Knife with a rough Back, as if used to strike Fire with, in a black Leater Case, having a Cork for an Handle: Any Person or Persons who lately sold such Things, or can give Account to whom they belong, are desired to come to Lord William Powlett's Office at the Exchequer, and view the same, and if they shall thereby discover, or contribute to the Discovery of the Person or Persons to whom they were sold, or do belong, shall have Ten Guineas Reward, to be paid by me* John Grainger.

Whereas a Letter dated the 27th of January last was sent, by the Penny-Post, to Baron Suasso, directed to his House in the Old-Jury, therein demanding in the Name of John Brown, Twenty Seven Pounds, to be paid by the said Baron to Thomas Brady, by Monday then next ensuing, and if not paid, threatning to Murder the said Baron Suasso, or burn his Country Seat: Whoever shall discover any Person or Persons who sent or contrived, or directed the sending of the said Letter, so as such Person or Persons may be convicted thereof, shall, upon such Conviction, receive as a Reward the Sum of Thirty Pounds, to be paid by Messieurs Richard and Thomas Wood-